

# **HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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## **WHO CAN REGISTER**

New Hampshire residents who will be 18 years of age or older on the day of the next election, and a United States Citizen, may register with the supervisors of the checklist or the [town or city clerk](#) where they live up to 10 days before any election. You may also register on election day at the polling place. The supervisors of the checklist or the town or city clerk's office can provide voters of what proof of qualification they should bring to register.

There is no minimum period of time you are required to have lived in the state before being allowed to register. You may register as soon as you move into your new community.

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

- 1) Apply to your town or city clerk's office. You will be required to fill out a standard voter registration form and will be required to show proof of age, citizenship and domicile.
- 2) It may be easier for you to register with your community's Supervisors of the Checklist. By law, they are required to meet on the Saturday 10 days prior to each election. Check the local newspaper(s) or call your clerk's office for the date and time of such meeting.
- 3) Qualified individuals may also register to vote at the polling place on election day at all elections. You will be asked to show proof of age, citizenship and domicile.

## **ABSENTEE REGISTRATION**

If you meet the state's voter requirements and qualifications and are unable to register in person because of physical disability, religious beliefs, military service, or because of temporary absence, you may register by mail. You should request an absentee voter registration affidavit and a standard voter registration form from your [town or city clerk](#). The absentee voter registration affidavit must be witnessed and then **both** the affidavit and the voter registration form are to be returned to your town or city clerk.

## **COLLEGE STUDENTS**

If you are a student attending college in New Hampshire, please click [here](#) for additional information.

## **UOCAVA VOTERS**

**UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS** – An absent uniformed service voter may apply for an absentee ballot from the town or city in which he or she was domiciled immediately prior to entering the service. Uniformed service voters are eligible to vote for all offices.

**VOTERS TEMPORARILY RESIDING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES** – Any person who is temporarily residing outside the United States has the right to vote in the town or city in which he or she was domiciled immediately prior to his or her departure. Temporarily absent voters are eligible to vote for all offices.

**FEDERAL BALLOT ONLY VOTERS** – Any United States Citizen, who is domiciled outside the United States has the right to register and vote absentee for any federal office (President, United States Senator, United States Representative) in the town or city in New Hampshire in which they or a parent or legal guardian had their domicile immediately prior to their departure from the United States, even though the person no longer maintains a domicile in said city or town and even though their intent to return is uncertain.

**UOCAVA** voters should use the Federal Post Card Application Form [FPCA] available at <http://www.fvap/resources/media/fpca.pdf> to apply for an absentee ballot and/or register to vote. The UOCAVA voter may choose to have his or her absentee ballot delivered either by mail or electronic transmission. Absentee ballots for UOCAVA voters are available 45 days prior to a state election.

## **ABSENTEE BALLOTS – Requests for**

Absentee ballots are available from your town or city clerk approximately 30 days prior to an election. Request the absentee ballot application from the clerk or you may [download](#) the application; or, if you wish, you may submit a request in writing which should include all the information that is required on the application. Don't forget your name, voting address, mailing address and your signature.

**An application for an absentee ballot may be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk.**

## **ABSENTEE BALLOTS – Return of**

Clerks may accept completed absentee ballots submitted in **person by the voter** until 5:00 p.m. the day before an election or until 5:00 p.m. on election day if received through the mail.

**A marked absentee ballot may NOT be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk.**

### ***POLITICAL PARTIES***

When registering to vote, you will not be required to register as a member of a political party (republican or democratic) ...you may register as an undeclared voter. If you are registered as an undeclared voter and go to vote in a state primary election, you will be required to choose a party when accepting a ballot. Voters should be aware of their party status before a primary election. If you voted on a party ballot in the 2010 state primary election, you are now a registered member of that party **unless you filled out a card to return to undeclared status** with the supervisors of the checklist.

If you are unsure of your party affiliation, you should contact your town or city clerk, as they have the records of party membership. The State of New Hampshire provides an on-line voter registration portal for registered voters to look up their current party affiliation. <http://cfs.sos.nh.gov/app/Public/AbsenteeBallot.aspx>

If you are a party member and wish to change your registration status, initiate such a change by taking one of the following steps:

#### **Presidential Primary**

1) Meet with the Supervisors of the Checklist no later than the Friday preceding the first day of the filing period for the presidential primary election. The Supervisors must meet between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on that Friday. The filing period is October 17 – 28, 2011.

#### **State Primary**

2) Meet with the Supervisors of the Checklist no later than **June 5, 2012** – the last day to change your political party before the state primary election, or register the change with your town or city clerk by that date. ***This is the last day to change your party affiliation before the primary. It is also the last day to register to vote if you wish to file as a candidate for the state primary election.***

3) If you are a registered member of a party, you may change your registration at any primary, however, **you will not be allowed to vote in that primary**. Undeclared voters may declare a party and vote at any primary. The law allows an undeclared voter to declare a party at the polls, vote the ballot of that party, and then change their party affiliation back to undeclared simply by completing the form available from the Supervisors of the Checklist at the polling place.

### ***VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES***

<b>October 14, 2011</b>	<b>Last day to change your party affiliation prior to the Presidential Primary Election</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 3, 2012</b>	Last day to register to vote prior to the Presidential Primary Election
<b>JANUARY 10, 2012</b>	<b>PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</b> – Unregistered voters may register and vote on this day.
<b>June 5, 2012</b>	Last day to change your party affiliation prior to the State Primary Election.
<b>September 4, 2012</b>	Last day to register to vote before Primary Election Day.
<b>September 11, 2012</b>	<b>STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</b> – Unregistered voters may register and vote on this day.
<b>October 27, 2012</b>	Last day to register to vote until the General Election.
<b>November 6, 2012</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION DAY</b> – Unregistered voters may register and vote on this day.